

GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 – 6:00pm

Barber Park, Simkins Pavilion– 1500 Dan's Road

PRESENT MEMBERS: Rose Marie Ponton (Chair), Carl Brower, Jr (Vice-Chair), Marc Bush, Zach Crutchfield, Ken Free, Lori Galbreath, Robert Clay Hassard, Wesley Vaughn

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Hughes, Greg Jackson, Dan Maxson, Nasha McCray, Marcie Richardson, Laurie Thore, Chris Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: None

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Barber Park, Simkins Pavilion. Rose Marie Ponton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:23pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 12, 2010 Commission Meeting were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE -

NEW BUSINESS

Distribution of Council District Maps

Greg Jackson, Director, distributed council district maps. The maps indicate the location of Parks and Recreation facilities and the district in which they are located.

Parks and Recreation Retreat

Jackson informed Members of the upcoming Parks and Recreation Retreat to be held on Saturday, July 31 at Bur-Mil Park. Surrounding Parks and Recreation Board Members will be invited to attend. The retreat will provide education on parks and recreation advocacy and roles and responsibilities of board members. More information will be forthcoming.

Carl Brower, Jr, Vice-Chair, requested the presence of Mayor, Bill Knight, former Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission Member at the retreat.

ADDENDUM

- NONE -

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

- NONE -

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Jackson informed Members that during the June 1, 2010 City Council meeting City Council recommended placing the lake services reduction back in the budget and increase lake fees. Citizen comments do not oppose increasing lake fees and are willing to pay more. Athletic adult team fee increase was supported by City Council. Loose leaf collection was also requested to return to the budget. City Council will vote June 15, 2010 on the 2010-11 budget. Jackson stated that this demonstrates the work of advocacy.

Ponton inquired if any cultural arts comments were received.

Jackson replied stating no comments were received. The city will perhaps pay \$4,000-\$4,100 for each cultural arts event. The cultural arts groups would use the cultural arts center at no charge. Cultural Arts staff and resources from the city would be eliminated, such as, computers, phones, etc.

Jackson invited Members to attend the Citizen Board Member Forum, August 12-14, 2010.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Crutchfield stated that the tour of Greensboro Parks and Recreation facilities was beneficial.

Galbreath informed Members that she could not participate in the tour due to other obligations.

Brower stated that the tour was interesting, particularly the Atlantic and Yadkin Greenway. Brower requested that the restroom facilities to be built at Gillespie Golf Course be built sooner than planned.

Free gave escalades to Gillespie Golf Course, particularly to the upcoming First Tee program.

Bush stated that he had exception to the letter that was sent to City Council on behalf of the Commission. The minutes of the previous Commission meeting do not reflect that there was going to be the insertion regarding the aquatic center and does not agree with the insertion. The aquatic center will be a great value to Greensboro.

Hassard apologized for being tardy to the tour. Hassard believes the Parks and Recreation retreat will be beneficial.

Vaughn stated that the tour was interesting and very informative.

Ponton thanked staff for their tour efforts. Ponton gave escalades regarding the Atlantic and Yadkin Greenway. Ponton encouraged Members to attend the Citizen Board Member Forum.

Keeley Park

Jackson requested Nash McCray, Planning and Project Development Manager, to give a presentation on Keeley Park since this location was unable to be toured due to time constraints.

McCray presented Members with an aerial map of Keeley Park and its amenities. Phase I is scheduled to begin in July, 2010 to include passive activities. Phase II will include amenities such as a multi-purpose field and sprayground. A sprayground is also planned to be located at Hilltop Recreation Center and Park.

Ponton inquired if there will be a groundbreaking ceremony.

McCray replied stating yes.

Brower inquired if the community gardens will be reinstated.

McCray responded that the community gardens will be reinstated and had to be removed due to construction.

With no further business Ponton adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant
Greensboro Parks and Recreation